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TAGS: OREP (GOLDWATER, BARRY)
SUBJECT: LOCAL MEDIA COVERAGE OF SENATOR GOLDWATER'S ARRIVAL
AT TAIPEI

1. APRIL 8 LOCAL PRESS CARRIED VARIOUS REPORTS OF SENATOR GOLDWATER'S APRIL 7 ARRIVAL IN TAIPEI AND HIS ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS FROM REPORTERS AT AIRPORT. ACCORDING TO THE ENGLISH-LANGUAGE EXPRESS NEWS VERSION, GOLDWATER SAID THAT HE SEES NO NEED FOR WASHINGTON TO RECOGNIZE PEKING AND ALTER THE MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY. "TO ME, THIS (THE ROC) IS CHINA."

2. THE EXPRESS NEWS ALSO QUOTED GOLDWATER AS SAYING THAT A) IN HIS MIND NORMALIZATION DOES NOT MEAN DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION OF THE PRC BUT SIMPLY "TO DO SOME BUSINESS" WITH IT; B) KISSINGER TOLD HIM THREE TIMES THAT A CHANGE IN THE MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY HAS NEVER BEEN ON THE AGENDA OF ANY TALKS BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND PEKING; AND C) HE DOESN'T SEE ANY URGENCY IN CHANGING THE STATUS QUO.

3. OTHER VERSIONS OF GOLDWATER'S REMARKS QUOTED HIM AS SAYING THAT A) NORMALIZATION IS IMPOSSIBLE IF IT MEANS US RECOGNITION OF PEKING AND THE ABROGATION OF
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THE MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY; B) THE US PEOPLE DO NOT WISH TO BETRAY THE ROC; C) THE US HAS NEVER UNILATERALLY BETRAYED AN ALLY; D) CONSERVATISM IN THE US IS ON THE RISE AND PRESIDENT CARTER IS A CONSERVATIVE; E) HE BELIEVED THE US WOULD NOT MAKE AN ACTIVE EFFORT TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH PEKING; F) HE WOULD DO HIS UTMOST TO PREVENT ANY FURTHER INTERCOURSE BETWEEN

WASHINGTON AND PEKING; AND G) HE DID NOT BELIEVE USG
CONSIDERATION OF REPLACING GATES WITH
WOODCOCK HAD ANY SIGNIFICANCE IN TERMS OF NORMALIZATION.

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